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CUBA FREES U.S. EMPLOYEE

Embassy Secretary Ordered
CPYRGHT Expelled After Release

Havana, Sept. 16 (AP)—Mrs. Marjorie Lennox, a United States Embassy secretary, was released tonight after being held 40 hours by Cuban secret police who accused her and an American group of spying.

Three Americans not identified with the United States Embassy were still held.

Another, identified as Robert L. Neet, and said by the Cuban Government to be an Embassy employee, was ordered expelled from Cuba along with Mrs. Lennox. The Embassy said it did not know of any employee named Neet. His identity is being investigated.

Mrs. Lennox was reported in good condition.

She said she had not been mistreated by Prime Minister Fidel Castro's secret police, who invaded her downtown Havana apartment early Thursday and held her incommunicado for hours.

Charges Unknown

She said police refused to tell her why she was jailed.

A spokesman said the embassy had received a note from the Cuban Government before Mrs. Lennox's release accusing her of espionage and saying the charges would be followed up.

The note charged that Mrs. Lennox "along with other embassy personnel engaged in espionage and conspiratorial activities."

The note said Mrs. Lennox was detained after Cuban military police had rounded up other persons, including three Americans, after what was called suspicious movement in the downtown apartment house where Mrs. Lennox lived.

These persons were identified in the note as Eustace Dan Brunet, Edmundo Transke and Daniel L. Carswell.

The note said as the result of an investigation of the activities of these three, Mrs. Lennox and Neet were arrested. Neet was identified only as an embassy employee.

An embassy spokesman said he could not discuss or clarify the charges.

Shortly before Mrs. Lennox was released Cuban authorities said she was being held for "interference in Cuba's internal affairs."

Case Is Referred

The embassy spokesman said she was taken immediately after her release to the suburban residence of United States Ambassador Philip Bonsal.

"She is resting," the spokesman said. Bonsal said Mrs. Lennox did not want to see anybody.

"It was quite an ordeal," Bonsal said. He said the case had been referred to the State Department in Washington.

Mrs. Lennox, a divorcee, was held at her apartment ten hours while secret police questioned her and searched the apartment. Then she was taken to police headquarters.

The United States made repeated protests over her seizure.

A United States Embassy welfare officer who talked to Mrs. Lennox today was the first American associate permitted to interview her since her arrest.